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METHOD FOR THE MATURATION
OF BEER

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 24, 2002, a three month extension
of time is hereby requested with fee included. Kindly amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 1-14 as follows:

B' 1. (amended) A method for the continuous maturation of beer after main
fermentation comprising the steps of: passing unmaturred beer, after removal of yeast and
a heat treatment, through a bio-reactor filled with a carrier material with yeast
immobilised on it, the carrier material comprising wood particles.

2. (amended) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said particles are
chip-like or stick-like particles.

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